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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT RELEASES STATISTICS ON 1962 BIG-GAME SEASONS

A report just issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service, "Big Game Inventory for 1962," indicates that the white-tailed deer is the Nation's most popular big-game animal with almost a million being harvested by hunters in 1962. Among the States, Texas had the largest kill with 195,000 white-tails taken out of an estimated population of 2 million animals. Colorado had the largest kill of mule deer, 142,798 of the large western deer being killed in that State.

Florida was the top wild turkey State with 20,000 birds, followed closely by Pennsylvania with 15,775.

"Big Game Inventory for 1962" also gives the kill and population estimate by States for such popular game animals as elk, grizzly and black bear, pronghorn antelope, and moose. Lesser known big-game animals, such as peccary, mountain goat, European wild boar, and barbary sheep likewise are included.

Reports on the annual big-game kill ordinarily are released nearly one year after the hunting season closes because all States must first compile the statistics, then transmit their data to the Fish and Wildlife Service for summarization and publication.

Copies of Wildlife Leaflet 454, "Big Game Inventory for 1962" are available on request from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C. 20240.

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